AT THE JUNGLE'S EDGE, ANCIENT RITUALS HAVE GONE: NOW, ROCK 'N ROLL--
FALK & BARRY 9/12
TENNIS, GOLF, AND MANY MODERN WONDERS--
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BUT IN SOME REMOTE PLACES, THE ANCIENT RITES LIVE ON, AS AMONG THE TOUGONDA FISHERMEN!
HAIL, MIGHTY TOUROO!
BEGINNING: THE SEA GOD
IN AN AGE OF SCUBA OUTFITS AND BATHYSPHERES--
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--TOUGONDA PEARLDIVERS GO DOWN 50 TO 150 FEET WITH ONLY A HEAVY STONE TO HELP THEM --
--AND IN AN AGE OF ARTIFICIAL PEARLS--THEY STILL SEEK AND FIND --
--THE SEA'S RAREST TREASURE -- BLACK PEARLS!
FOR TOUROO!
IS IT TRUE, O GHOST WHO WALKS--THAT THE TOUGONDA WORSHIP A GOD, HALF-MAN, HALF-FISH?
YES.
THE PHANTOM--
--VISITING A DEEP JUNGLE TRIBE, THE ONGA.
WHY DO YOU PERMIT SUCH ABOMINATION?
THEY ARE A PEACEFUL PEOPLE.
IT'S NOT FOR ME TO JUDGE THEIR GOD.
TRUE -- BUT A GOD HALF-FISH, HALF-MAN--
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--IS IT NOT SILLY?
PERHAPS.
A BATTERED OLD TUB STOPS AT A REMOTE COASTAL VILLAGE--
MAKE SOME DEALS TODAY, TOD. WE'RE ALMOST BROKE!
RIGHT, OSSIE!
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I BRING PRECIOUS JEWELS, IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR ROUGH GEMS--FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CRUDE GOLD NECKLACE YOU WEAR--
YOU HAVE CHEAP TRASH--JUNK JEWELRY!
UH--HOW ABOUT SOME FRUIT, COCONUTS--
NOT EVEN ONE COCONUT!
THESE SAVAGES ARE TOO SMART! THEY DON'T FALL FOR JUNK ANY MORE!

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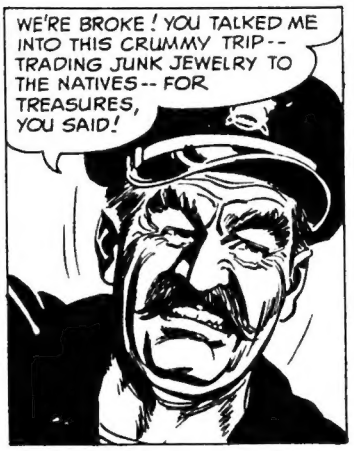
LOOK, OSSIE--DINNER--
HEY!
YOU SCUBA BUM! ALL YOU THINK ABOUT IS SWIMMING!


WE'RE BROKE! YOU TALKED ME INTO THIS CRUMMY TRIP-- TRADING JUNK JEWELRY TO THE NATIVES-- FOR TREASURES, YOU SAID!

THEY'RE NOT BUYING IT! THEY'RE SMARTER THAN YOU ARE, TOD!
TAKE IT EASY, OSSIE. SOMETHING GOOD'LL TURN UP.

MAN, THIS SEA SLED GOES LIKE CRAZY!
YOU SPENT ALL OUR MONEY ON THAT CRAZY STUFF!

TOD, THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE. YOU'VE GOTTA SELL SOME OF THIS JUNK JEWELRY!
TRUST ME, OSSIE!
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PEOPLE OF ER—ROUGANDA. YOU ARE CULTURED, DEMANDING.
YOU CAN TELL WHAT BARGAINS THESE RARE GEMS ARE! AT A SPECIAL PRICE--
UH, SIR—THE NAME IS TOUGANDA--
THE FOOL, CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THEIR NAMES!
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WE HAVE NO NEED OF YOUR MAN-MADE TRINKETS -- NO MATTER HOW PRICELESS YOU SAY THEY ARE--

THE SEA GIVES US--THIS.
GIANT-- BLACK-- PEARLS!

BLACK PEARLS! WHERE DO YOU GET THEM?
DEEP IN THE SEA.

COURSE--BLACK DIRTY PEARLS AREN'T WORTH MUCH—LIKE WHITE ONES--BUT WE'RE WILLING TO TRADE--
WE DO NOT TRADE OR SELL THEM--

LOOK--
BOWLS— BASKETS-- FILLED!
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BUSHELS OF — BLACK PEARLS! EACH ONE-- WORTH A FORTUNE!
TOUROO, OR WHATEVER HIS NAME, HAS GOT SO MANY-- CAN'T HE SPARE A FEW?
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SACRILEGE! HE TOUCHED THE SACRED JEWELS OF TOUROO!

TOUROO WOULD KILL THOSE WHO STEAL HIS SACRED GEMS!
I WASN'T (GULP) TRYING TO STEAL (GULP) HONEST!

YOU ARE FORGIVEN, STRANGER. YOU DID NOT KNOW OUR LAWS.
GIVE HIM FRUIT AND FRESH WATER. IF YOU COME IN PEACE, YOU MAY VISIT US ANY TIME.
AS THE PHANTOM SAID, THE TOUGANDA ARE FRIENDLY FOLK.

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A TON OF BLACK PEARLS -- EACH WORTH A KING'S RANSOM.
NOT FOR US, BABY!

ON HIS JUNGLE ROUNDS --
YOUR PRESENCE HONORS US, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
THANK YOU. I'M TOLD WHITE MEN VISITED YOU.

TRADERS. THEY SAW AND COVETED THE BLACK PEARLS OF TOUROO.
YOU SHOULDN'T DISPLAY THEM TO STRANGERS.

HAVE NO FEAR. TOUROO WILL PROTECT HIS SEA GEMS.
AND IF HE'S BUSY WITH HIGHER MATTERS, WE'LL DO IT FOR HIM!
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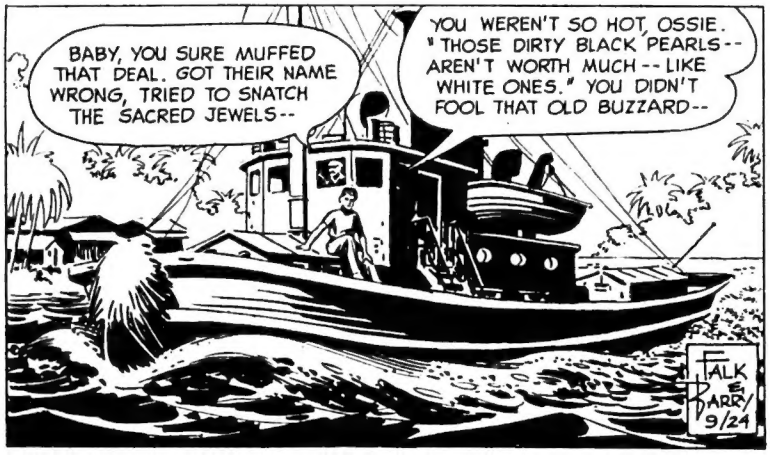
BABY, YOU SURE MUFFED THAT DEAL. GOT THEIR NAME WRONG, TRIED TO SNATCH THE SACRED JEWELS--
YOU WEREN'T SO HOT, OSSIE. "THOSE DIRTY BLACK PEARLS-- AREN'T WORTH MUCH -- LIKE WHITE ONES." YOU DIDN'T FOOL THAT OLD BUZZARD--
FALK & BARRY 9/24

WE'RE FINISHED! BROKE! THE GREAT TRADING TOUR FINISHED! ALL I CAN DO IS SELL THIS TUB FOR SCRAP--

OSSIE, WE'RE GOING TO GET A LOAD OF THOSE "DIRTY" BLACK PEARLS!
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND! HOW?

CHIEF, HOW GOES IT HERE?
EACH YEAR WE MUST PADDLE FARTHER FOR FISH.

IN ANCIENT DAYS THE PADDLE WAS GOOD ENOUGH WHEN FISHING GROUNDS WERE CLOSE-- NOW THERE ARE BOATS WITH MOTORS--

--LIKE THAT OF THE TRADERS.
WE ARE POOR. WE HAVE NO MONEY FOR SUCH.

MEANWHILE -- THE TRADERS--
TOD— WHAT'S YOUR IDEA TO GET THOSE BLACK PEARLS?
YOU'LL SEE.
FALK & BARRY 9/26

TO BUY FISHING BOATS WITH MOTORS--A FINE DREAM. WE HAVE NO MONEY.
YOU HAVE ENDLESS TREASURE IN THESE BLACK PEARLS-- TO BUY MANY SUCH BOATS.
THE SEA GEMS ARE NOT OURS, BUT THE SEAGOD TOUROO'S!
FALK & BARRY 9/27

PERHAPS TOUROO WOULD PERMIT A LOAN.
YOU JEST, O GHOST WHO WALKS. FROM ANYONE ELSE, IT'D BE SACRILEGE!

MEANWHILE -- THE TRADERS--
CUT THE COMEDY, TOD. WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN THERE?
NO PEEKING! YOU'LL SEE!

TOD! YOU SAID YOU HAD AN IDEA ABOUT GETTING THOSE BLACK PEARLS!— UNLOCK THIS DOOR AND STOP--
HOLD YOUR HORSES, OSSIE.

I'LL BE RIGHT OUT. AS YOU KNOW, I'M A BIT OF AN ARTIST--
YOU'RE A BIT OF EVERY-THING!

FOR--! WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
ARE YOU BLIND? DON'T I LOOK LIKE THAT BLASTED IDOL?
FALK & BARRY 9/28

I HOPE YOUR SEAGOD, TOUROO, IN HIS WISDOM, WILL SHARE HIS WEALTH OF BLACK PEARLS--
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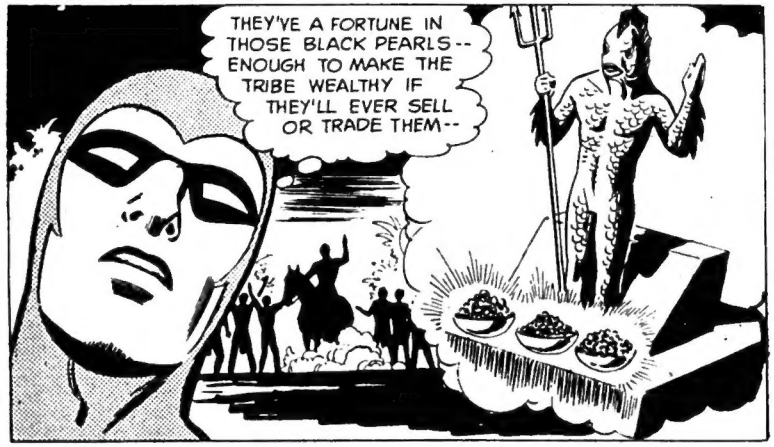
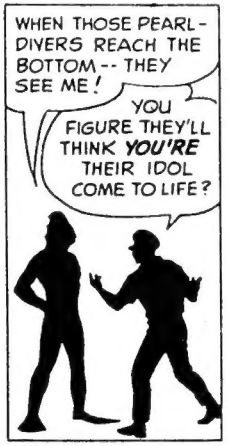
!?
--WITH YOU, HIS FAITHFUL TOUGANDA, SO YOU MAY BUY BOATS WITH MOTORS TO REACH DISTANT RICH FISHING WATERS.
FALK & BARRY 9/29

THIS IS A STRANGE NEW IDEA, O GHOST WHO WALKS. WE MUST PONDER IT.

TOD, DARNED IF YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT BLASTED IDOL! BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT?
MAN, YOU'RE SLOW!


THEY'VE A FORTUNE IN THOSE BLACK PEARLS -- ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TRIBE WEALTHY IF THEY'LL EVER SELL OR TRADE THEM--


WHEN THOSE PEARL-DIVERS REACH THE BOTTOM -- THEY SEE ME!
YOU FIGURE THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE THEIR IDOL COME TO LIFE?

SUPPOSE THEY DON'T FALL FOR IT?
GOTTA TAKE THE CHANCE! THOSE BLACK PEARLS ARE WORTH MILLIONS!
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AS THE TOUGANDA PEARL-DIVERS GO TO SEA--
FALK & BARRY 10/1

TODAY WE MUST FIND MANY SEA GEMS FOR TOUROO--
SO HE WILL BRING US MANY FISH!

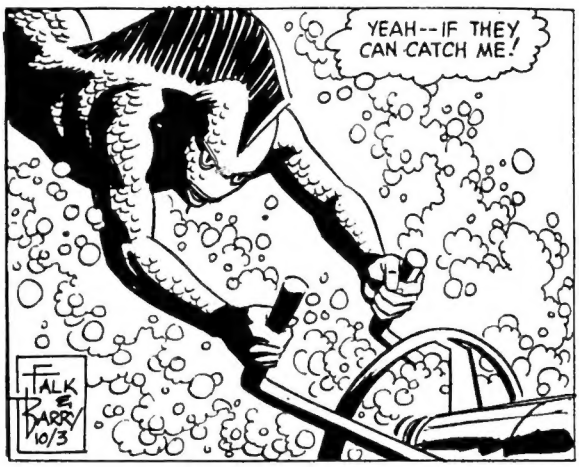
THERE THEY GO, FOR MORE BLACK PEARLS!

AND HERE I GO--OLD TOUROO THE SEAGOD HIMSELF!
TOD, YOU'RE CRAZY--

THE PEARL-DIVERS OF TOUGANDA--

--DIVE DEEP --SEARCHING FOR THE RARE BLACK PEARLS!

TOD, YOU'RE CRAZY. IF THEY DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE SEAGOD, THEY'LL SLICE YOU INTO LITTLE PIECES!


YEAH--IF THEY CAN CATCH ME!
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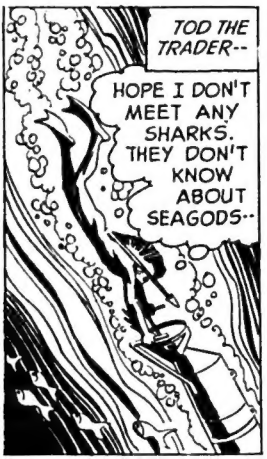
TOD THE TRADER--
HOPE I DON'T MEET ANY SHARKS. THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT SEAGODS--

--DISGUISED AS TOUROO THE SEAGOD!

THE PEARL-DIVERS OF TOUGANDA!
WHEN THEY SEE ME -- WHAT THEN?
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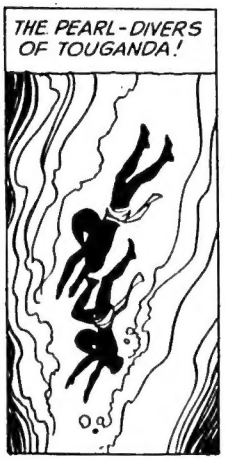
NO BLACK PEARLS YET --GO DOWN AGAIN--
WE CANNOT RETURN TO TOUROO WITH-OUT SEA GEMS!


THE PEARL-DIVERS OF TOUGANDA!

TOUROO?!
IF THEY DECIDE-- I'M A PHONY-- AND COME AT ME WITH THOSE KNIVES--!
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SEA BOTTOM-- THE PEARL-DIVERS OF TOUGANDA-
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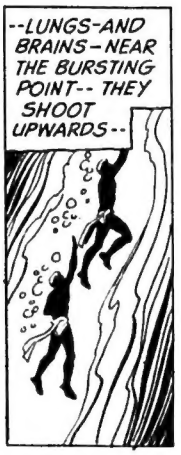
--LUNGS-AND BRAINS-NEAR THE BURSTING POINT-- THEY SHOOT UPWARDS--

AT BOTTOM, WE SAW-- (GASP)
--(GASP) TOUROO! ALIVE! REAL!
??!! OUR SEAGOD?!

YOU HAD SEA DREAM!*
AT BOTTOM, IN CORAL REEF WE SAW TOUROO --REAL--ALIVE!
NO, WE BOTH SAW!
*RAPTURE OF THE DEEP.

TOUROO-- HIMSELF!

HAVE THEY COME TO SEE-- OR KILL?
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IT IS TRUE!
WE MUST TELL THE WITCH-DOCTOR-- THE CHIEF!
WE SAW TOUROO!

LOOKS LIKE --IT WORKED!

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HERE THEY COME--PADDLING LIKE MAD!
AS THO CHASED BY A TYPHOON OR BY DEMONS!

WE SAW TOUROO--THE SEA-GOD!
WITH OUR OWN EYES.
ALIVE!
WHERE?

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!
?!

THIS IS TOUROO.
NO, ONLY AN IMAGE! WE SAW THE REAL TOUROO ALIVE--
AT THE SEA BOTTOM!
FALK & BARRY 10/11

MEANWHILE--THE "REAL" TOUROO!

IT WORKED, OSSIE! THEY THOUGHT I WAS THEIR BLASTED SEAGOD!
!

PERHAPS YOU IMAGINED YOU SAW TOUROO.
NO! WE ALL SAW HIM!
REAL--ALIVE!

HE FROWNED--HE SHOOK HIS FIST AS THO ANGRY!
WHY?

I FOOLED THEM! THEY SWAM AWAY! SCARED! IF THEY THOUGHT I WAS FAKE, THEY'D HAVE COME AT ME WITH KNIVES!

OKAY, YOU FOOLED THEM. WHAT GOOD IS IT? NOW WHAT?
NOW--BLACK PEARLS!
FALK & BARRY 10/12

BUT WHY WOULD TOUROO APPEAR TO US--THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY?
HE SHOOK HIS FIST--HE WAS ANGRY!

ANGRY AT WHAT WAS SAID HERE--BY THE PHANTOM
THE PHANTOM?

PHANTOM SAID--SELL TOUROO'S SACRED GEMS--BUY BOATS WITH MOTORS. YOU HEARD!
I SAID THEN--SACRILEGE! NOW--YOU SEE!
FALK & BARRY 10/13

I SAY--DEATH TO THE PHANTOM!
--WAIT--!

THE PHANTOM IS OUR FRIEND!
TOUROO IS OUR SEAGOD! DEATH TO PHANTOM!

I DISLIKE THIS, GRANDSON. GO TO THE PHANTOM. TELL HIM OF THIS HAPPENING.
FALK & BARRY 10/14

KILL PHANTOM? BUT HE CANNOT DIE!
IF TOUROO SAYS SO, HE WILL DIE!

MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE ARGUMENT--
WAMBESI VILLAGE, OUR NEXT STOP--

LET'S ROW IN. I DON'T WANT THEM TO FIND MY "SEAGOD" GEAR.
FALK & BARRY 10/15

HOW WE GONNA USE THIS SEAGOD TRICK, TOD?
NOT SURE YET, OSSIE. PLAY IT BY EAR.

YOU SAID WE COULD RETURN IN PEACE.
WHAT'S NEW?

YOU DON'T KNOW. WE SAW HIM!
TOUROO - THE SEAGOD -- IN THE SEA!
DO TELL!

WHY DID TOUROO THE SEAGOD APPEAR?
HE IS ANGRY BECAUSE PHANTOM TOLD US TO SELL TOUROO'S SACRED GEMS TO BUY MOTORBOATS!
TRAVELERS, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS?

WHEN GODS APPEAR, THEY USUALLY WANT SOMETHING.
WANT--WHAT?
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MUST HURRY-- FIND PHANTOM (PUFF) TELL HIM ABOUT TOUROO!
I MUST BE BRAVE WHEN I SEE HIM-- NOT FORGET WORDS (PUFF)

WILL PHANTOM (GASP) BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL OF TOUROO? (PUFF) - WHAT WILL HE DO? (PUFF)

WHERE AM I (PUFF-GASP) RUNNING TO? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THE PHANTOM IS!
FALK & BARRY 10/18

AH, BACK SO SOON? YOU TOLD THE PHANTOM?
NO, GRANDFATHER! YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WHERE TO FIND HIM!

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW. YOU DON'T FIND THE PHANTOM. HE FINDS YOU. GO TO THE JUNGLE --AND CALL.
UH - JUST --CALL?

GRANDFATHER SAID, I CANNOT FIND PHANTOM. PHANTOM WILL FIND ME.
"GO INTO JUNGLE AND CALL", HE SAID.
PHANTOM-PHAN-TOM!
THIS IS SILLY.
PHANTOM-PHAN-TOM!
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YOU SAW THE SEAGOD WHILE GATHERING BLACK PEARLS?
THE SACRED GEMS. YES.
MAYBE HE WANTS YOU TO STOP.
WHAT'S HE UP TO?
WHY?!
YOU THINK TOUROO'S ANGRY BECAUSE PHANTOM (WHOEVER THAT IS) SAID-- SELL SACRED GEMS FOR MOTORBOATS?
YES!
ALL BLACK PEARLS BELONG TO TOUROO?
YES!
MAYBE TOUROO WANTS YOU TO STOP TAKING HIS SACRED GEMS.
HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT?
I CAN'T SPEAK FOR A SEAGOD. MAYBE HE'LL TELL YOU SOMEHOW.
HOW'S THIS NONSENSE GETTING US PEARLS?
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RETURN TO SEA FOR MORE SACRED GEMS.
LIKE THE STRANGER SAID--TOUROO'LL GIVE US SIGN IF HE'S ANGRY!
I AM AFRAID TO SEE TOUROO AGAIN.
SO ARE WE ALL! IT IS A RARE THING TO SEE A GOD.
TOD-- THEY'RE TAKING OFF!
I GOTTA FINISH THIS TOUROO-TYPE SPEAR.
NOW TOUROO IS READY.
TOD, YOU'RE CRAZY. WHAT GOOD IS ALL THIS PLAY-ACTING? NOT GETTING US A DIME!
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TOD, TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO!
I'LL TELL YOU, OSSIE, AFTER I DO IT!
OSSIE'S CHICKEN. IF I TOLD HIM, HE'D RUN SCARED--
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THIS IS THE PLACE-- WHERE WE SAW TOUROO!
WHAT WILL HE DO?

AS THE PEARL-DIVERS SEARCH NEAR ANCIENT HALF-BURIED TIMBERS--
UNSEEN NEARBY, TOD, AS TOUROO THE SEAGOD!
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!!
TOD THE "SEAGOD" FIRES THE TRIDENT-- HIS INTENT IS DEADLY--
AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT--THE SPEAR SWERVES--
--PINNING THE DIVER TO AN OLD TIMBER-- BUT HE IS UNHURT--
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!?
WHEN HIS THREE-PRONGED SPEAR PINS THE DIVER TO A TIMBER, UNHURT--
--TOD HURRIEDLY RETRIEVES HIS WEAPON--
@#m*!!
MISSED, BLAST IT! HAVE TO HURRY, GET IN ANOTHER SHOT BEFORE THEY GET AWAY!
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TOD HURRIEDLY TRIES TO GET A SECOND SHOT--
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!!
WE SAW (GASP) TOUROO!
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HE (GASP) SHOT AT US!
FAR BELOW--THE DISAPPOINTED "SEAGOD!"
BLAST! MISSED MY CHANCE TO HIT ONE --AND REALLY SHAKE THEM UP!

AS THE DIVERS PADDLE MADLY, TERRIFIED BY TOUROO THE SEAGOD--
MEANWHILE--
YOU DO NOT FIND THE PHANTOM, GRANDSON. HE FINDS YOU.. CALL HIM!
PHAN-TOM-- PHAN-TOM--
THIS IS SILLY-- TO KEEP CALLING -- TO EMPTY WOODS--
PHAN-TOM--
BUT THE WOODS ARE NOT EMPTY--
"THE PHANTOM HAS THOUSAND EYES AND EARS"-- OLD JUNGLE SAYING--
PHAN-TOM--
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THIS IS STUPID--TO KEEP CALLING - TO NOTHING--
PHAN-TOM.. PHAN-TOM..
SUDDENLY- TOM-TOMS!
TOUGANDA BOY SEEKS PHANTOM--
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THE MESSAGE IS RELAYED, AGAIN AND AGAIN--
--SEEKS PHANTOM-- TOUGANDA-- BOY--
--SEEKS PHANTOM--
?
SUDDENLY THE AIR FILLS WITH TOM-TOM BEATS!
TOUGANDA BOY SEEKS PHANTOM
TOUGANDA BOY--THAT'S ME!
--SEEKS PHANTOM--
LET THE SEEKER BE LED TO THE WHISPERING GROVE.
--LET THE PHANTOM SEEKER BE LED--
--TO THE WHISPERING GROVE.
!
FALK & BARRY 10/31
LET THE PHANTOM SEEKER BE LED--
?
--TO THE WHISPERING GROVE
--FINALLY A NARROW PATH THRU THICK THORN BUSHES--
-- INTO A STRANGE SHADOWY PLACE CALLED-- "THE WHISPERING GROVE!"
PHAN-TOM PHAN-TO
FALK & BARRY 11/1

AS THE BOY ENTERS THE STRANGE "WHISPERING GROVE"...
?
FALK & BARRY 11/2

A SOFT SCURRYING OF DEPARTING FEET--AND HE IS ALONE--IN THE WHISPERING GROVE-- NOW-- WHAT!
?!
PHAN-TOM-- PHAN-TOM PHAN-TOM-- PHAN-TOM

AS THE TOUGANDA BOY WAITS IN THE WHISPERING GROVE--
WILL-- HE COME?
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--HIS FELLOW DIVERS RETURN FROM THE SEA!
WE SAW TOUROO AGAIN!
HE SHOT AT US!
?!

MEANWHILE, "TOUROO THE SEAGOD."
BLAST-- IF I'D NAILED ONE, I'D HAVE REALLY SHOOK 'EM UP!

YOU FOOL! YOU TRIED TO KILL ONE OF 'EM!
-TO HIT ONE! WOULD HAVE --BUT THESE THREE-POINTS ARE CLUMSY!

--MY IDEA WAS TO REALLY SCARE THEM, MAKE 'EM GIVE BACK THE BLACK PEARLS TO TOUROO. GET IT?
BUT YOU MISSED?

WE SAW TOUROO AGAIN. YOU WERE RIGHT, STRANGER.
HE WARNED US NOT TO TAKE MORE SACRED GEMS!
?
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IN HIS WISDOM AND KINDNESS, HE THREW HIS GREAT SPEAR--BUT IT HARMED US NOT. IT WAS THE SIGN!

HOW ABOUT THAT?! A LUCKY MISS. BETTER THAN IF I'D HIT ONE!
YEAH? STILL NO BLACK PEARLS IN MY POCKET!

TOUROO GAVE US THE SIGN. WE'LL GATHER NO MORE BLACK PEARLS.
HOW ABOUT ALL THESE? TOUROO WANT THEM BACK?

MEANWHILE, AS THE YOUTH WAITS IN THE STRANGE WHISPERING GROVE--
WILL HE EVER COME?
PHAN-TOM-- PHAN-TOM
FALK & BARRY 11/5

SUDDENLY, SOUNDLESSLY, HE IS THERE--THE GHOST WHO WALKS!
!
YOU CALLED ME?

IN THE STRANGE "WHISPERING GROVE."
YOU CALLED ME? WHY?
I--UH--I -GASP- GULP- CHOKE-

DID YOUR GRANDFATHER- THE CHIEF OF TOUGANDA- SEND YOU TO FIND ME?
YOU- KNOW ME?

I REMEMBER YOU. NOW RELAX AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT.
SITTING ON A LOG- WITH THE GHOST WHO WALKS! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
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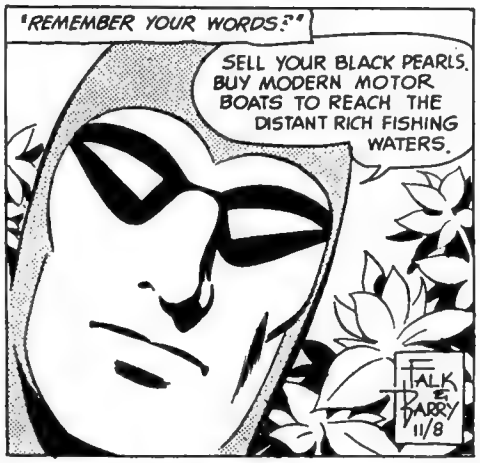
OUR DIVERS SAW TOUROO THE SEAGOD -ALIVE- IN THE SEA! HE'S ANGRY! THEY BLAME YOU!
ME?


"REMEMBER YOUR WORDS."
SELL YOUR BLACK PEARLS. BUY MODERN MOTOR BOATS TO REACH THE DISTANT RICH FISHING WATERS.
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THE WARRIORS CALL THAT SACRILEGE! THEY WOULD KILL YOU! MY GRAND- FATHER SENT ME TO WARN YOU.

THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO YOUR VILLAGE.
BUT I JUST TOLD YOU- THEY WANT TO KILL YOU!

WE WILL GATHER NO MORE SACRED GEMS.
MAYBE TOUROO WANTS ALL THESE BLACK PEARLS BACK, TOO.
IF SO, HE WILL GIVE US THE SIGN, STRANGER.
FALK & BARRY 11/9

WHAT NOW, WISE GUY? AFTER ALL THIS HOCUS-POCUS- STILL NO BLACK PEARLS FOR US!
PATIENCE, MAN, WE'LL SOON BE RICH!

MEANWHILE IN THE JUNGLE--
DID YOU SEE THIS LIVING SEAGOD?
NOT I (THANK GOODNESS). BUT ALL THE DIVERS DID

NOW WHAT, GENIUS?
THEY WANT A SIGN FROM OLD TOUROO THAT HE WANTS HIS BLACK PEARLS BACK- ALL OF THEM!

THEY'RE GOING TO GET THAT SIGN -AND WE'RE GOING TO GET THE BLACK PEARLS.
AND YOU MIGHT GET YOURSELF KILLED!

FOR A COUPLE OF MILLION- IT'S WORTH THE RISK!
AS LONG AS IT'S YOUR NECK- I AGREE! FIFTY- FIFTY, PAL.

FIFTY-FIFTY? WHAT A DREAMER!
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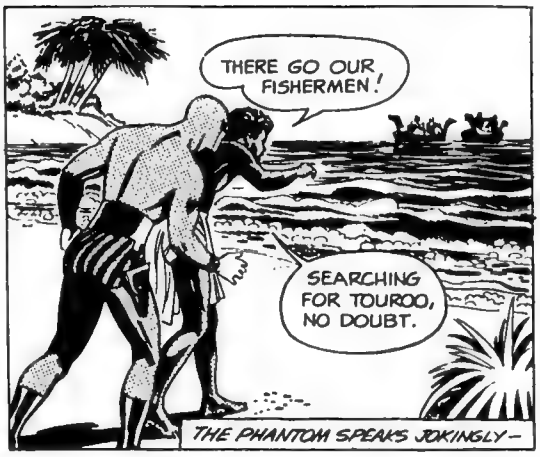
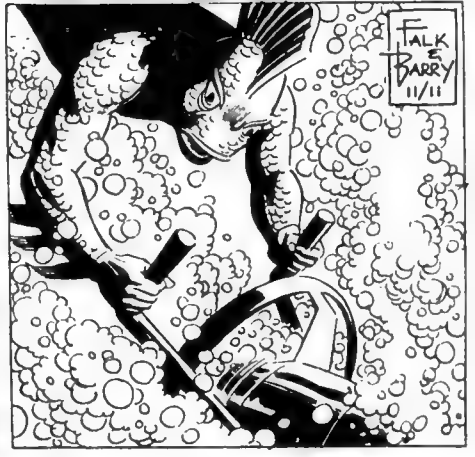
PHAN-TOM PHAN-TOM
IN THAT PLACE-WHY DID THE TREES WHISPER LIKE THAT?
THE WIND IN THE LEAVES.


THERE GO OUR FISHERMEN!
SEARCHING FOR TOUROO, NO DOUBT.
THE PHANTOM SPEAKS JOKINGLY-

-HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW CLOSE HE IS TO THE TRUTH--
WILL TOUROO GIVE US A SIGN?
WHO CAN PREDICT THE WAYS OF A GOD?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THE TOUGANDA FISHERMEN--
WE HAVE A GREAT CATCH!
PULL UP.

SUDDENLY THEIR NETS ARE JERKED DOWN VIOLENTLY!
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--AS "TOUROO THE SEAGOD" GIVES THE SIGN OF HIS WRATH!
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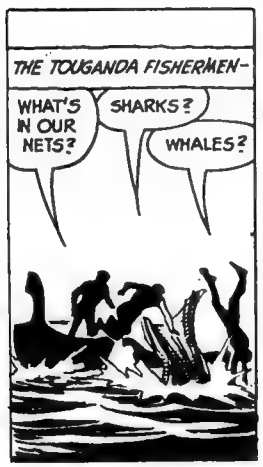
THE TOUGANDA FISHERMEN-
WHAT'S IN OUR NETS?
SHARKS?
WHALES?

THEN - UNDER WATER THEY SEE--
TOUROO!

-THE ANGRY SEAGOD?
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LOOK-TOUROO!
COMING AFTER US!
60-60!
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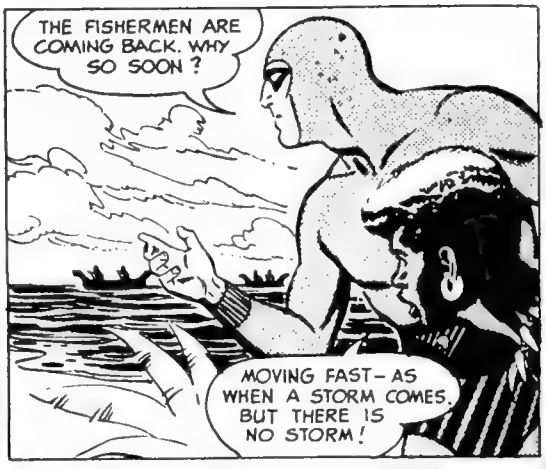
THE FISHERMEN ARE COMING BACK. WHY SO SOON?
MOVING FAST-AS WHEN A STORM COMES. BUT THERE IS NO STORM!

TOUROO DESTROYED OUR NETS!
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HE DESTROYED OUR CATCH!
HE IS AFTER US!
FALK & BARRY 11/16

TOUROO IS ANGRY!
HE WON'T LET US FISH!

TOUROO GAVE US THE SIGN.
HE WANTS ALL HIS SACRED GEMS BACK --AS THE STRANGER SAID!

WHAT STRANGER?
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RETURN ALL THE SACRED GEMS TO TOUROO!
THROW THEM INTO THE SEA!
HURRY, BEFORE HE DESTROYS US!

WAIT!
!!!
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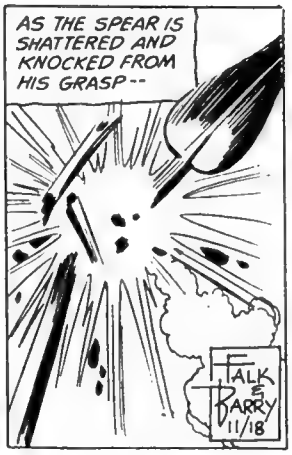
THESE RARE PEARLS ARE YOUR TRIBE'S WEALTH! YOU CANNOT THROW THEM AWAY!
HE IS THE BLASPHEMER!
HE BROUGHT THIS DISASTER! KILL HIM!
PHANTOM!

THE PHANTOM DRAWS AND FIRES LIKE LIGHTNING!
DIE— BLASPHEMER!


AS THE SPEAR IS SHATTERED AND KNOCKED FROM HIS GRASP--
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--THE WARRIOR LEAPS FORWARD WITH HIS KNIFE— ONLY TO RUN INTO THE STEEL FISTS OF THE PHANTOM!
UH!
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WARRIORS OF TOUGANDA-- WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS? YOU KNOW THIS TOUROO IS ONLY AN IMAGE!
HE LIVES!
WE ALL SAW HIM!
HE THREW A SPEAR AT US!
HE CUT OUR NETS

SEE THIS NET--
CUT! IS THIS NONSENSE?
FALK & BARRY 11/19

PHANTOM LIED! KILL PHANTOM!

THE OLD CHIEF OF TOUGANDA--
KILL THE PHANTOM! KILL! KILL!
!
IN THERE, GRANDFATHER!

STOP THIS! HAVE YOU GONE OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
FALK & BARRY 11/21

THIS IS THE PHANTOM -- OUR LIFE-LONG FRIEND--!
OUT OF THE WAY, CHIEF!
HE BLASPHEMED AGAINST TOUROO!
TOUROO DEMANDS HIS DEATH!

YOU ARE MY FRIENDS. I CANNOT SHOOT AT YOU.
WELL SAID, PHANTOM! I WILL HOLD HIM AS MY PERSONAL PRISONER!
AGREED! BUT LET HIM BE BOUND AND GUARDED-UNTIL TOUROO DECIDES HIS FATE!
FALK & BARRY 11/22

GOOD THINKING, CHIEF! THAT WAS TOUCH AND GO!
YES, WE NEEDED TIME UNTIL THOSE HOT-HEADS COOL OFF-

I'M CONFUSED AND PUZZLED BY THE "LIVING" SEAGOD!
AS AM I, CHIEF. LET ME SPEAK TO ONE WHO SAW HIM.

YOU SAW HIM?
THE PHANTOM WISHES TO ASK YOU ABOUT TOUROO.
SAW HIM? I FELT HIS WRATH!

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA HE HURLED HIS SPEAR AT ME!
FALK & BARRY 11/23

"I WAS CAUGHT THERE UNTIL THE OTHERS FREED ME."
!

SEE-MY ARM IS STILL BRUISED!
CURIOUS!-- THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

TOUROO WAS ANGRY-HE CUT OUR NETS-SEE, HERE IS A PIECE OF IT!

"HE WATCHED US LEAVE! WE KNEW NOW HE WANTED THE SEA GEMS BACK!"

DID YOU FIGURE THAT OUT YOURSELVES?
YES-WITH THE HELP OF THE WISE STRANGERS-
FALK & BARRY 11/24

THERE THEY ARE NOW! I'LL TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENED!
AH-- I BEGIN TO SEE THE LIGHT!
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TOUROO CUT OUR NETS--HE THREW HIS SPEAR--!
HE IS ANGRY!
YOU WERE RIGHT! HE WANTS THE SEA GEMS BACK!
FALK & BARRY 11/25

MY! THAT IS THE MOST AMAZING THING I EVER HEARD OF!

CHIEF, WAS TOUROO THE SEAGOD EVER SEEN ALIVE BEFORE THESE STRANGERS CAME?
I THINK NOT. WHY?

IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW! I WISH TO GO!
YOU CANNOT!
?

EACH DAWN--RETURN A JAR OF GEMS TO THE SEA UNTIL TOUROO GIVES US A SIGN HE FORGIVES US.

THEY TOSS IN BLACK PEARLS AND WE GET THEM! RIGHT?
RIGHT!
I – NOT "WE"
FALK & BARRY 11/26

I MUST GO.
YOU CANNOT! MY ORDERS ARE TO HOLD YOU!

THE PHANTOM SUDDENLY RUSHES AT THE RAZOR-SHARP SPEAR!

THE PHANTOM RUSHES TO THE RAZOR-SHARP SPEAR –
NO!
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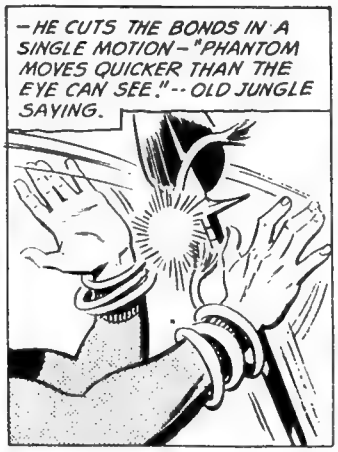
–HE CUTS THE BONDS IN A SINGLE MOTION – "PHANTOM MOVES QUICKER THAN THE EYE CAN SEE."--OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

–HURLS SPEAR AND SPEARMAN THROUGH THE DOORWAY--
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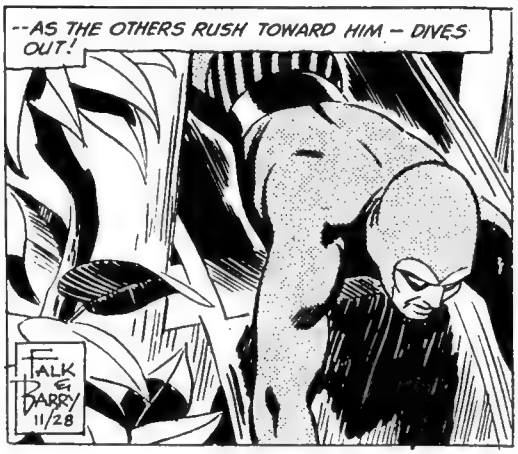
--AS THE OTHERS RUSH TOWARD HIM – DIVES OUT!
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HE'S ESCAPING!
AFTER HIM!

GO, HERO!

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WE'VE TRAPPED HIM ON THE WHARF!
CAN'T GET AWAY!

--PURSUED BY THE TOUGANDA WARRIORS--

--THEY SWIM RAPIDLY OUT TO SEA!
!!?
FALK & BARRY 11/30

HOLD YOUR SPEARS! HE GOES TO DEATH IN THE SEA! IT IS THE WILL OF TOUROO!

--WHAT WILL THE PHANTOM DO?--
EASY, HERO — THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO.

--THE PHANTOM HEADS HERO BACK TO THE LAND--
BACK YOU GO, HERO. GO!

--THEN HEADS FOR THE DISTANT TUGBOAT OF THE TRADERS.
FALK & BARRY 12/1

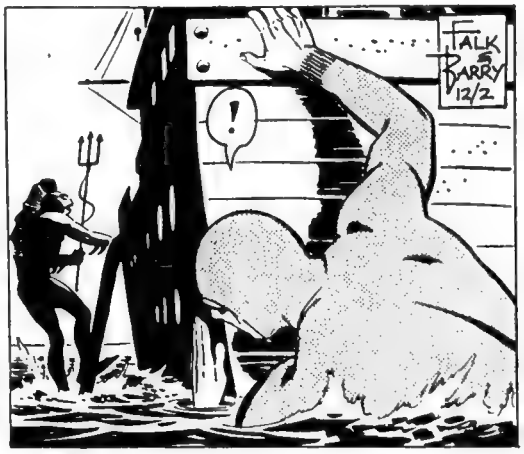
--AS THE FISHERMEN TAKE THE JAR OF THE PRICELESS BLACK PEARLS--
WE WILL RETURN THESE TO YOU, TOUROO.

ALMOST DAWN, TOD. TIME FOR US TO HARVEST THE BLACK PEARLS. RIGHT?
RIGHT.
TIME FOR ME!

THERE THEY GO! HURRY UP, TOD! TIME TO CATCH THE PEARLS WHEN THEY TOSS THEM! RIGHT?

RIGHT!
UH!--

EXPECT ME TO TAKE ALL THE RISKS AND SPLIT 50-50 WITH YOU? FAT CHANCE!
I'LL FINISH YOU WHEN I GET BACK!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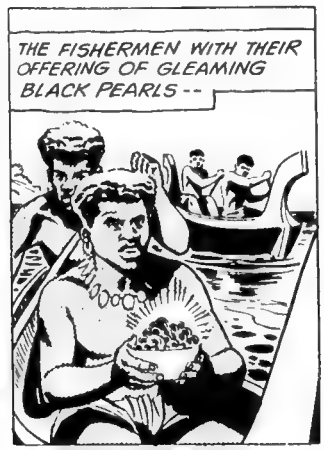

THE FISHERMEN WITH THEIR OFFERING OF GLEAMING BLACK PEARLS--

--TOD—AS "TOUROO, THE SEAGOD"—TAKES OFF TO GATHER THE TREASURE!
FALK & BARRY 12/3

SO THAT'S HOW HE MOVES—SOME SORT OF UNDERWATER MOTOR! WHERE IS HIS PARTNER?

THE PARTNER!?

--AS THE FISHERMEN CARRY THEIR OFFERING OF PRICELESS BLACK PEARLS TO THEIR SEAGOD--

--TOD "THE SEAGOD" HEADS FOR THE PEARLS HE WORSHIPS!
FALK & BARRY 12/5

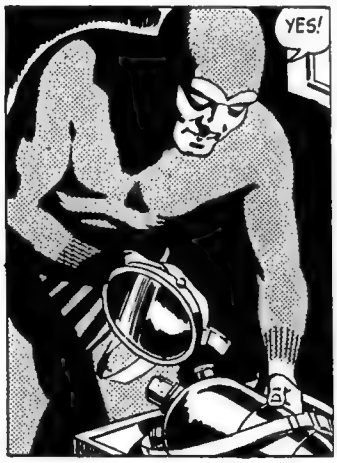
THE PHANTOM LEAPED INTO THE SEA ON HERO. TOUROO CLAIMED HIM. HE IS DEAD.
?

--MEANWHILE, THE PHANTOM--FAR FROM DEAD--
KNOCKED OUT --TIED UP. TOUROO'S IN SIGHT--NATIVES WILL FIGHT.

--THE PHANTOM FOLLOWS THE WAKE OF TOD'S AIR BUBBLES--

NOW I GET IT—HE'S GOING TO GET THE BLACK PEARLS!
FALK & BARRY 12/6

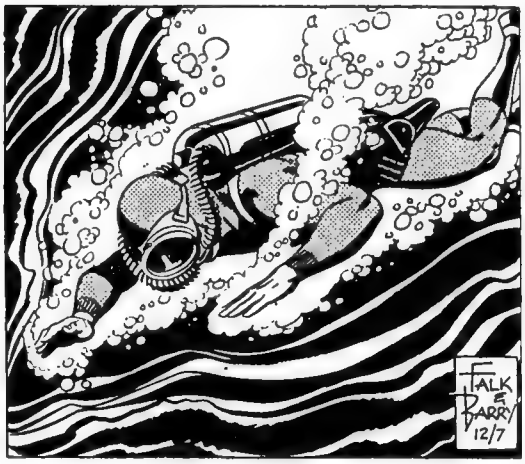
AWAKE, ARE YOU? ANY MORE OF THAT SCUBA GEAR IN HERE?
UH-WHO —WHAT?


YES!

NO, I DIDN'T KNOCK YOU OUT. YOUR "PAL" DID.
TOD?---! WHO ARE YOU?

IF I TOLD YOU—IT WOULDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU.
WAIT—UNTIE ME!

NO, STAY AS YOU ARE. I'VE AN IDEA THAT WE'LL ALL BE MEETING HERE SOON AGAIN!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GRANDFATHER —WE ALL SAW THE PHANTOM LEAP INTO THE SEA. HE IS DEAD.
COULD HE NOT LEAP OUT AGAIN?
FALK & BARRY 12/8

LOOK, THERE IS THE PHANTOM'S HORSE, HERO!
HE IS ALONE!

HERO RETURNED, THE PHANTOM DID NOT!
TOUROO THE SEAGOD CLAIMED HIM!
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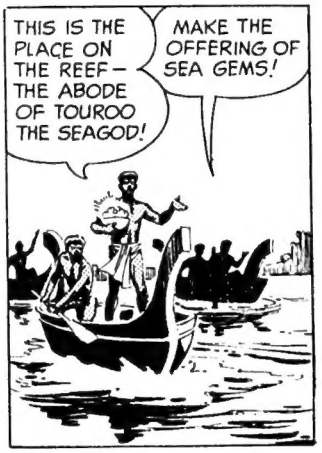
CAN THERE BE SOMETHING TO THIS FOOLISHNESS AFTER ALL? NO—NONSENSE! YET--?!

HERE THEY ALL ARE — NEAR THE REEF—

I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!


THIS IS THE PLACE ON THE REEF— THE ABODE OF TOUROO THE SEAGOD!
MAKE THE OFFERING OF SEA GEMS!

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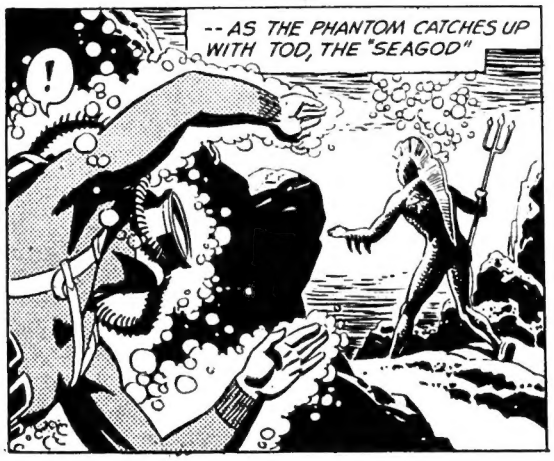
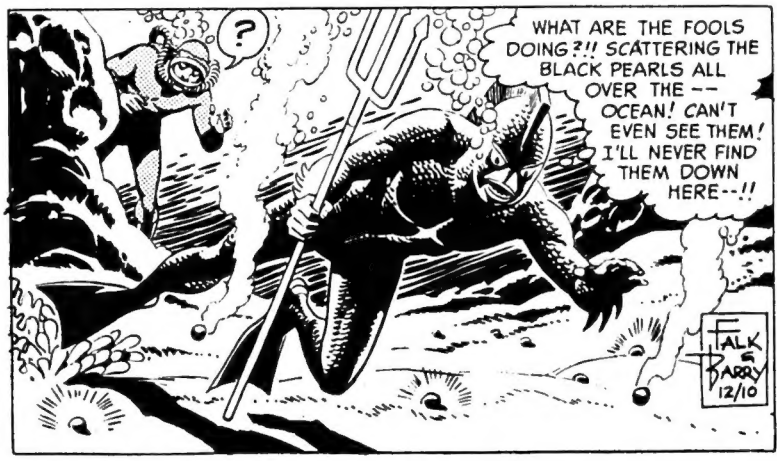
RECEIVE THESE AND BLESS US, GREAT TOUROO!


--AS THE PHANTOM CATCHES UP WITH TOD, THE "SEAGOD"
!

RECEIVE THESE BLACK PEARLS, O TOUROO, AND RETURN US TO YOUR FAVOR!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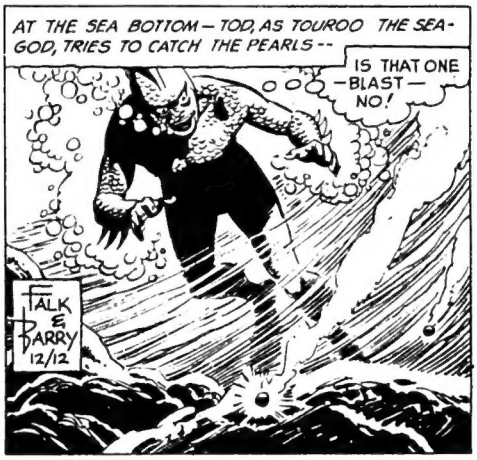
WHAT ARE THE FOOLS DOING?!! SCATTERING THE BLACK PEARLS ALL OVER THE -- OCEAN! CAN'T EVEN SEE THEM! I'LL NEVER FIND THEM DOWN HERE--!!
FALK & BARRY 12/10

AS THE FISHERMEN SCATTER THE PRICELESS BLACK PEARLS--
ACCEPT THIS OFFERING, O GREAT TOUROO--


AT THE SEA BOTTOM—TOD, AS TOUROO THE SEA-GOD, TRIES TO CATCH THE PEARLS--
IS THAT ONE —BLAST— NO!
FALK & BARRY 12/12

--BUT THE GEMS ARE LOST IN THE SHIFTING CURRENTS—SHADOWS—AND MUCK!
!

AFTER ALL HIS PLANNING-- NO BLACK PEARLS!

RECEIVE THESE SEA GEMS WE TOOK FROM YOU, O TOUROO-
NOW GIVE US GOOD FISHING, GREAT TOUROO.

BUT "TOUROO" IS IN NO MOOD TO GIVE ANYTHING—AS HE MISSES ALL THE BLACK PEARLS!
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TOUROO SUDDENLY TAKES OFF--
FALK & BARRY 12/13

--AND SMASHES INTO THE CANOES!

FURIOUS AT LOSING ALL THE BLACK PEARLS—TOD AS "THE SEAGOD" SMASHES THE CANOES!

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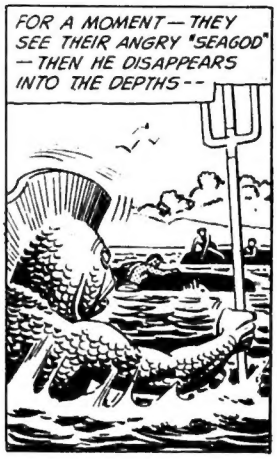
FOR A MOMENT—THEY SEE THEIR ANGRY "SEAGOD"—THEN HE DISAPPEARS INTO THE DEPTHS--

--WHERE THE PHANTOM WAITS!
NEXT TIME I WANT THOSE PEARLS IN A SEALED JAR!
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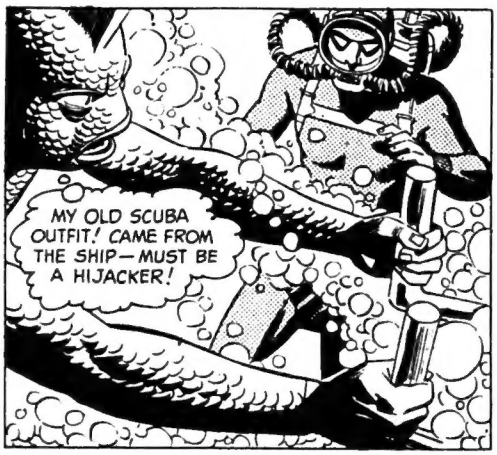
WITHOUT WEAPONS, THE PHANTOM LETS TOD SEE HIM.
WHO IS THAT?


MY OLD SCUBA OUTFIT! CAME FROM THE SHIP—MUST BE A HIJACKER!

I'LL FIX HIM!
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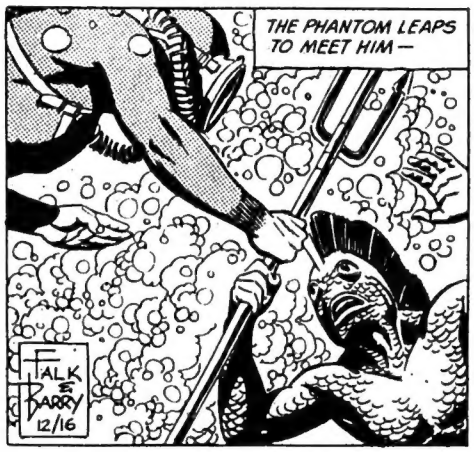
UNDER WATER—EXPECTING THE SPEAR—THE PHANTOM DUCKS IN TIME—

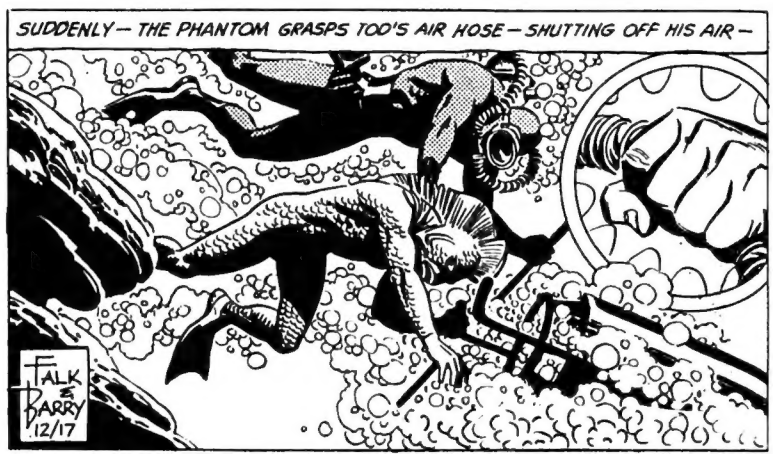
I'LL NAIL HIM WITH THIS!


THE PHANTOM LEAPS TO MEET HIM—
FALK & BARRY 12/16

LOOK—THE WATER!
GREAT BATTLE DOWN THERE—TOUROO AND A SEA MONSTER!

ADRIFT ON THE FLOATING WRECKAGE OF THEIR CANOES—AS THE SEA CHURNS AROUND THEM—
GREAT BATTLE FAR DOWN!
TOUROO—AND WHAT?

UNDER WATER, A WEIRD BATTLE—AS TOD TRIES TO SHAKE THE PHANTOM'S IRON GRIP—


SUDDENLY—THE PHANTOM GRASPS TOD'S AIR HOSE—SHUTTING OFF HIS AIR—
FALK & BARRY 12/17

UNDER WATER— OVERCOMING TOO THE "SEAGOD"— THE PHANTOM TAKES OFF--
ON THE SURFACE – THE WRECKED NATIVES ARE NOT WITHOUT RESOURCES --
MAKE SPARKS!
I'M TRYING HARD. FLINT AND STEEL WET.
--THEY IGNITE A SMOKY FIRE IN THE MIXTURE--
GOOD!
LET'S HOPE THEY SEE IT ON SHORE!
LOOK—THE SIGNAL FOR HELP FROM OUR MEN!
FALK & BARRY 12/19
THE TALL COLUMN OF SMOKE IS SEEN ASHORE-
HURRY– OUR MEN ARE SIGNALING FOR HELP!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WE SCATTERED THE SEA GEMS – TOUROO WAS ANGRY –
HE WRECKED OUR CANOES!
THEN HE BATTLED A MONSTER!
A MONSTER? WHAT KIND?
WE COULD NOT SEE— BUT THE SEA BOILED!
MEANWHILE, TOUROO "THE SEAGOD" AND "THE MONSTER."
FALK & BARRY 12/20
YOU GOT THE BLASTED DOUBLE-CROSSER! GOOD! DID YOU GET THE BLACK PEARLS?
NO. THEY SCATTERED THEM ALL OVER THE PLACE.
IDIOT. DID HE EXPECT THEM GIFT-WRAPPED?
MAYBE. ON YOUR FEET, CAPTAIN. WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE VILLAGE!
GO BACK THERE? WHEN THEY FIND OUT WHAT WE'VE DONE THEY'LL KILL US!
QUITE POSSIBLE. GO.
FALK & BARRY 12/21
WE SCATTERED THE PEARLS!— TOUROO WRECKED OUR CANOES!
THEN HE FOUGHT UNDER WATER WITH A MONSTER!
FALK & BARRY 12/22
NONE BUT THE PHANTOM COULD HAVE FOUGHT TOUROO – AND HE IS DEAD!
LOOK— THE TRADERS ARE COMING. WE MUST TELL THEM ABOUT IT.
THE PHANTOM AND TOUROO! EXCEPT FOR THE WAVES— THE WORLD IS SILENT. EVERYONE IS SPEECHLESS – STUNNED! WHAT IS THERE TO SAY?
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